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Dowden wants ASSAC's funds

Student government debating \$40,000 donation for student center

by Marcia Leathers

Looking ahead to Spring of 1981, the question is being raised as to how the new Student Center, now that it has been approved, will be furnished. A \$3.6 million contract has been awarded, however, an additional \$1 million in equipment and furnishings will be needed to complete the project.

Trustee John Dowden's suggestion at the board meeting last week that funds be diverted from ASSAC sources to help defray the costs has been met with more questions.

"The building is one million over budget right now, and rather than use the money in the reserve account I'd like to find other ways of coming up with the needed amount," Dowden stated. "The students do have a legitimate interest in the building and it will directly benefit them. They should be able to contribute to the cost since they have an interest in how it is going to be furnished."

Dowden, the new board president gave the example of Cerritos College in Norwalk where an addition to the bookstore was financially aided by the associated students to the tune of \$500,000. Revenue bonds were sold to private investors and initiation upon the part of the governing body of students at Cerritos led to a business venture which aided not only the student body as a whole, but also the investor, he related.

The approximately \$40,000 now available from ASSAC funds could only put a dent in the needed amount which is estimated to be an additional \$1 million.

Dowden felt the priorities of the building were of the utmost importance. "What's more important to the individual student needs? A banquet at the end of the year or

the opportunity to take a constructive part in the student center?" he asked.

The board member indicated that he didn't feel that extra funding for the center was the responsibility of the student governing body, only that it existed as a possibility. "Since they have a vested interest in it, they might want to seek out ways of helping." He also indicated, "I have a concern about the direction of the ASSAC governing body and where they are going as a functioning unit on campus."

No mention was made at Monday's ASSAC gathering concerning the request made by Dowden at the board meeting.

Earlier, SAC President Bill Wenrich indicated that Dowden's suggestion was a possibility. "We frequently accept large donations from business groups and private sectors and that would be a way to help defray costs." he left the door open for other means such as the Santa Ana College Foundation, possible alumni interest or outside support to help fund the food service and equipment that will be needed for the student center.

Spiraling inflation caused the price of the building to be named for former SAC President John E. Johnson, to skyrocket to \$3.6 million. Wenrich cited the Orange County Marine Institute in Dana Point where the estimated one half million dollar cost soon climbed to three quarters of a million dollars as another example of such inflation. Wenrich felt that escalating costs accounted for the underestimation of architect Al Alves' original figures.

"ASSAC has every legal right to do what they want with the money in their account. At this time no request or demands are being made on anyone. It's all speculation," Wenrich indicated. "The Student Center will not be

completed for at least another year and we're only thinking about different solutions to the situation. No final decision has been made."

Don McCain, SAC advisor for student affairs, stated that ASSAC did have available funds which had been accumulating in a high interest account amounting to approximately \$40,000.

When questions about the specific suggestion made by Dowden at the board meeting, McCain said, "Using the money is an option. We don't have any pre-conceived notions at this time. It was only a suggestion that we contribute to the furnishings for the building."

The money has been accumulated by students during the years through the sale of student body cards and other fund-raising activities. "We are not going to give it to any special interest groups at this time," McCain stated. "The suggestion is an option."

ASB President Susan Starke stated when she was asked her opinion of the matter, "I'd rather not think about it. It's not up to me. I hope the administration pays for the whole thing."

"I question whether the issue will come up before next fall," she continued. "The money is there and will be spent on something."

"Right now we don't know how," she went on. "I'm concerned that people are aware that the funds belong to the students, not just one person."

According to the ASSAC Constitution the Senate does have the power to approve expenditures outside of the established budget. Serious consideration by that governing body now appears a possibility.

SAC answers Vietnamese requests with cultural programs, more staff training

by Pam Hilburn

"We're asking for more help for Vietnamese refugees not because they're refugees, but because they need it," stated Duc Van Nguyen three weeks ago at a meeting between the administrative heads of SAC and the Vietnamese Community of Orange County, Inc. (VNCOC).

The meeting was arranged after Do Dinh Tuan, president of VNCOC, sent a letter to the RSCCD Board of Trustees stating the concern the Vietnamese have over the fact that SAC doesn't employ many full-time Vietnamese speaking people. His letter suggested that qualified Vietnamese professionals be hired to help the refugees cope with a new culture.

Tuan's letter also asked that the English as a Second Language

(ESL) program be reworked to better serve the refugees who have not had any prior learning in English.

The college's answer to these requests, delivered at the Dec. 10 Board meeting, was that the criteria for ESL teachers will continue to include proper phonetic pronunciation and intonation and correct English usage - often stumbling blocks for Vietnamese with linguistic credentials.

However, SAC President William Wenrich has pledged the following:

-Establishment of cultural programs on campus for Vietnamese, similar, perhaps, to the Cinco de Mayo celebration or Black History Week.

-Training of the college staff

members to aid the Vietnamese in socialization.

-Assignment of Vy Do, the college's lone Vietnamese counselor, to deal with Vietnamese students exclusively.

-A class for employers who are having difficulty in adapting to the traits of their Vietnamese workers.

Dr. Wenrich is also trying in more ways to address the special needs of the non-English speaking or bilingual students. He is creating two new task forces, for the campus one on Assessment-Referral and one on Bilingual Programs.

The job of the Assessment Task Force is to develop a program for intake, assessment, interpretation and placement of students in the right courses and programs; and to

choose the personnel and faculty requirements for such a system.

The duties of the Bilingual Task Force are threefold:

1) To develop policies and procedures for the award of a certificate of bilingual competence to any student attaining proficiency in any two languages, one of which must be English.

2) To recommend what supplemental bilingual materials might be appropriately developed.

3) To review support services for students not yet fully proficient in English to determine which efforts need to be bolstered.

About 2,500 Southeast Asians are enrolled in the college district's classes. Enrollment includes 691 Vietnamese and 39 Laotians and Cambodians taking college-level courses, and 1,381 Vietnamese and

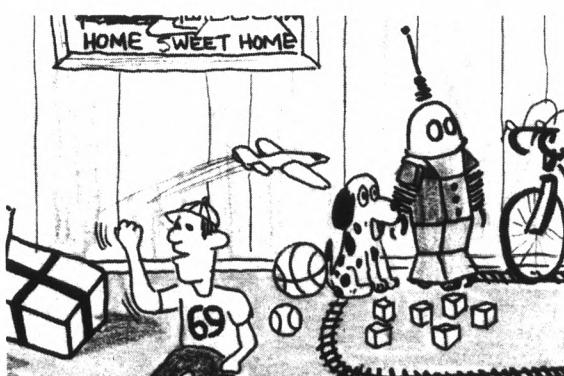
388 Laotians and Cambodians in adult-pre-college classes, called "continuing education."

A survey showing that among the Vietnamese in college courses, 50 per cent rated the college as good, 44 per cent as fair and 6 per cent as poor in meeting the needs of their people. A large number, 83 per cent, would like to participate more in Vietnamese cultural activities on campus.

President Wenrich told the RSCCD board that he would not be hiring Vietnamese simply because they are Vietnamese.

"Our job is to provide the best possible education for students, not to employ people. We intend to make some changes, but will not hire very many (Vietnamese)," he said.

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SAT prep class offered

Students planning to enter the state college or university system may prepare for the required Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) in a class offered by the Continuing Education Division of the Rancho Santiago Community College District.

Beginning Jan. 3 at 7 p.m. in Room 204 of Villa Park High School, the class will focus on the Verbal and Math Ability sections of the exam. According to instructors Kay Grable and Bob Cameron, students will learn to increase their skills in vocabulary, word relationships, reading comprehension, general math problem skills and evaluation of data.

"The SAT score is often the determining factor in whether a student is admitted to the institution of his or her choice," Grable said. "The class contributes to earning high scores by familiarizing the student with the types of information required and with test-taking techniques."

The class will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays for six weeks. Registration information may be obtained by calling the Orange Adult Learning Center, 997-1610.

Speech team wins awards

The Forensics team won a number of awards at the Fall Championship Speech Tournament held at Cal Poly Pomona Dec. 8-9, finishing 5th over-all.

Receiving awards in extemporaneous were: Ron Ramaglino, 2nd place trophy, and certificates of excellence for Jim McQuaid, Matt McLaughlin, Jim Wallack, Lori Nation, all in novice and Frank Castro in Junior Senior. Winners in novice impromptu were: Martin Spann placing 4th and receiving a certificate, McLaughlin, McQuaid, Chuck Moseley, Ron Waslohn and in J.S. Carol Blethen. In J.S. persuasive McQuaid won a certificate as well as Kathy Tully in speech to entertain who placed 4th. Winners in interpretation were Arlene Rogers and Blethen, McLaughlin and Castyro in novice and J.S. duo, respectively, and Blethen in novice oral.

Whale of a tour slated

An excursion to view the annual migration of the California Gray Whale to Baja is being offered by Santa Ana College's Community Services Department Saturday, Jan. 19.

Tour participants will leave the campus at 17th and Bristol Streets at 9 a.m. to board a boat in Dana Point Harbor for the two or three hour cruise. Return is scheduled for approximately 2:30 p.m. Cost of the trip is \$10 per person with registration being taken through January 11.

Potential whale watchers are encouraged to dress warmly and bring their own cameras, binoculars and sack lunches.

For further information, call 835-3000, Ext. 488.

Santa's got the fever



TRAVOLTA HE'S NOT -- Santa was observed bumping and grinding at the Club Amigos Toy Drive Dance held Wednesday. Toys were donated by those wishing to participate in the event. (photo by Richard Mona)

Accreditation review:

Steering committee meets to evaluate SAC's records

by Robin Wilkinson

Where is SAC going? How has it changed in the past five years? The Fifth Year Review steering committee has evaluated the college on these points and will send their report to an Accrediting Commission in early February.

The committee met with interested observers including five of the seven RSACD board members last Saturday to discuss the report. They agreed to expand on a few small points, but overall approved the assessment word for word.

After the Western Association of Schools and Colleges receives the committee's report, they will visit the college and conduct their own evaluation in the spring as part of the normal 10-year accreditation plan.

Assistant Dean of Instructional Services Betty Mills, who attended the meeting, is confident that the college will do well in the evaluation. "We always get good accreditation reports. We have a good school."

She also said that potential college students should be concerned with the evaluation. Accreditation by the Association of Schools and Colleges proves that a college is doing its job in serving the varied needs of the community to the best of its ability, Mills explained.

Although President Bill Wenrich admitted, "I don't know the easiest way to do this . . . God so loved the world that He didn't send a committee to save it," he stated, "They've done a super job putting this (report) together. It has a lot of input from a lot of people. We learned something about ourselves and had a chance to evaluate ourselves. I'm very impressed with this report."

Much of the discussion centered around a list of recommendations for future action compiled by the steering committee. One consideration was the issue of opening a staff dining room.

Dr. Wenrich said that if the faculty might use a part of the Student Center for "separate dining facilities," this would require no construction decision.

"The faculty senate voted unanimously that there be a faculty dining room" he went on. "I in turn suggested that I didn't think it was a good idea at all. I thought it was a form of elitism. I did say it was a consideration, but that decision does not have to be made now." It was also suggested that the lunchroom be opened to all SAC employees, not just the faculty.

Three items dealt with staff communication and decision-making. Counselor Frank Black said, "Many faculty members have the feeling--right or wrong--that they have not been involved much in anything in years past. I might be different right now, and it will be different, I'm sure, in the future."

"We do not, as a faculty, see one another very often," commented Doug Toohey, a librarian. "There is no focus for meeting one another or talking over what we are doing in a relaxed, noncommittal fashion on this campus. And it matters because we don't know what the other guy is doing."

The report also recommended that the district "insure that all disadvantaged persons have adequate information about and access to district programs."

Donna Farmer, dean of occupational education, suggested that the term "disadvantaged" be redefined to include the economically disadvantaged, "whether they are men, women, black, brown, green--they should be aware of the opportunities of this system."

The board also wanted to include students with various handicaps and added the phrase "historically misrepresented" to emphasize the ethnically disadvantaged.

The report also included a list of recommendations made by the last review in 1975, each followed by a response explaining the action taken. Remodeling of athletic facilities had been suggested; since then the college has added a soccer field, a softball field, a new track, new baseball field, a physical assessment laboratory and a par course.

Construction of more and safer parking was recommended; a new parking lot has opened recently and the board plans to add a metered section for short-course students and occasional users.

Experts to study SAC; Could begin in January

by Lisa Redfield

Santa Ana College is going to be put on the couch and have some of its problems analyzed by a team of experts starting next semester.

The group is from the Higher Education Management Institute (HEMI) who have done studies for schools such as the University of California at Irvine, the University of New Mexico and Rutgers University in New Brunswick, New Jersey.

Starting possibly as early as next month, there will be surveys and training program involving students, faculty and the administration. All of this is in addition to the current five-year review of SAC's accreditation rating.

Administrators had talked about having a management analysis, but according to Dr. Richard Sneed, vice president of Academic Affairs, "We were thinking about doing it two or three years ago, in fact, we had decided to, but never did get around to it. I think one of the reasons was that no one was put in charge."

Dr. William Wenrich, new president of the college, called for HEMI to come in as a means to get to know SAC better. Dr. Sneed explained, "The real inspiration for doing it was Dr. W. One reason was he had to get to know his institution better. It's hard to know how effective people are in doing what they're supposed to do."

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**--Richard Sneed
Vice President - Academic Affairs**

Another reason for the study came with the passage of State Bill 160 which called for the separation of management and faculty.

Dr. Lee Dryden, president of the Academic Senate, said "Many districts were unhappy with the previous organization." With the passage of SB 160, 14 administrators were added to the staff at SAC. "More people mean more problems and with the new organization, we may need a new system," Dr. Dryden pointed out.

Bringing in HEMI might be a help, Dr. Sneed and Dr. Dryden agreed. "It is the most logical approach to assess the needs of the institution," Dr. Dryden commented.

It may provide administrators with a perception of their problems. Dr. Sneed expounded, "Listening is a particular fault of people in the administration. You are good at giving answers and you're good at solving problems, but, unfortunately, you've gotten so good that you don't know what the problem is before giving the solution. It's a common fault of administrators."

Donna Farmer, staff development officer, will head the study, but was out of the state and unavailable for comment.

The study will take three years. The first year involves an introduction that will lead to a plan of action. This initial year will end with an evaluation. Reassessment follows with an update in the second year and, finally, there will be revision and more evaluation to end the study.

Results from HEMI studies at other institutions are that goals were more clearly defined with objectives set to achieve those goals. Communications were also improved.

The needs of the college are changing and HEMI may provide the college with a way to perceive its needs.

Editorials

Would a year-round Christmas be good?

Hobo Kelly once said, "I want to keep the Christmas spirit all year long." But what if Americans continually behaved the way they do during the holiday season?

Would Hobo the clown, who, a few years back, starred in a Southland children's show, have her dreams of year-round peace and goodwill fulfilled? Or would a gloomier outlook be in order?

On the one hand, it would be great to get gifts and work bonuses on a regular basis. But then one would presumably be obligated to reciprocate in the gift game. Materialistic or finance conscious individuals might not fare well with the continuous Christmas arrangement.

Although gift exchanging provides a meaning for Christmas to many, others have a different idea about this time of year. Some feel it is a time for visiting with family and friends. Unfortunately, too much of those kinds of meetings could have unsettling consequences. Currently, the net of Christmas gatherings is the seasonal boom of murders and suicides.

For many, Christmas means the opening of party season--time to liven things up by consuming alcohol excessively. If these people kept at it all year, drunk tanks would be overflowing and morgues would be full of formerly drunk drivers.

Then there are those who celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. For those who believe in him as the embodiment of their God, joy centered around the miracle of his birth--and his death and resurrection--lasts the year round anyway.

After all, just why is it called Christmas?

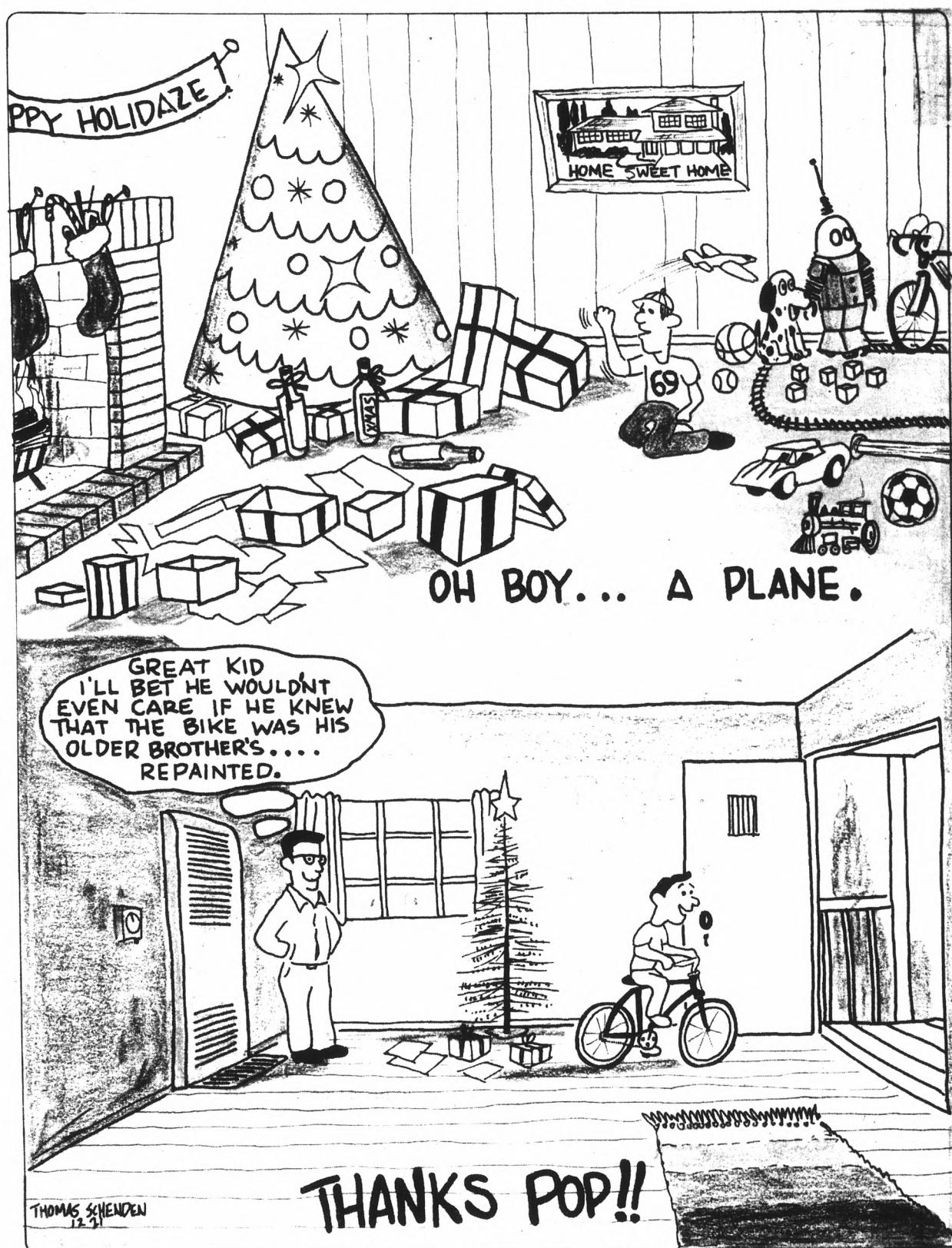
Bye '70s, hello '80s?

In the year of our Lord 1980--that is what 1980 A.D. actually means. Unfortunately, ancient calendar makers goofed when they were figuring when Christ was born. Now the actual time of Christ's birth is judged to be between four and eight B.C.--before Christ. Logic would dictate this to be impossible.

But it is too late to try to straighten this matter out now. So we shall go forward into what we are calling the eighties, bidding farewell to the decade of the post-hippie generation.

And what will we remember about this past 10 years? "Peace with honor" in Vietnam? A crooked president? The energy crunch? The bicentennial? Nostalgia? Disco?

Maybe it would be better if we forgot about the 70s and concentrated on looking forward instead of backwards. perhaps then we'll have something more to show for the next 10 years.

Commentary

Santa's claws strike again; evaluating the hero in red

by Robin Wilkinson

There is a guy who wears red and gives people whatever they want, whatever they ask for. He doesn't bother about what they really need; he just smiles and laughs and wishes them a good time.

Everyone feels he ought to be having a good time while he learns to hate giving away his hard-earned money just to please aunt so-and-so and uncle what's-his-name . . . After all, gifts are only expected at this time of year.

And when we open our own boxes, we seem to have been cheated. There's never enough to satisfy.

Children promise to be good before the red-suited hero because they want bicycles, Hot Wheels and Barbie Dolls. If their parents have the money--or borrow it--the children will get their wishes. But kids are never more misbehaved than when they fight over gifts and cry non-stop when that last ribbon lies unravelled on the floor.

Adults know the seasonal "hero" more intimately. They say he is a spirit.

He brings golden, lighted trees into each home, and families gaze at them like adoring druids. For those who prefer a little religion (a very little), he provides a tiny, plastic Jesus in dull, artificial hay.

He teaches carols by rote, repeating them until no one even stops to think what the songs could mean. And he glorifies sleigh rides for those who have never been in a sleigh.

He's got helpers too. These, as grownups know, are also "spirits of the season." They make sure everyone tries to be satisfied with his Westinghouse, his live tree and his fast-food gift certificates.

No one should be sober enough to hear the throb of emptiness, the voice calling to them outside, rapping on the door of his heart. After all, he has a lot of things crowded in there, and he's got his family to think about first.

There was no room in the inn either . . .
Who is the red-suited hero?
You guess.

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Feedback

Maddox in own world says AGS president

Dear Editor,

In reply to the commentary by Pete Maddox in the Dec. 14 el DON, I would like to express my deepest concern. My concern is with Pete's failure to responsibly relate the facts about ASSAC's position regarding student programs. As the News Editor of el DON, Pete has (or should have) a moral obligation to report matters honestly and completely--he has failed to do this.

In his editorial, Pete stated the ASSAC turned down a request by AGS for funding of a teacher evaluation booklet. The truth of the matter is a majority of the ASSAC senators expressed support of funding and publishing the booklet and offered their assistance.

AGS decided to cancel the project largely due to Pete Maddox's refusal to publicize the project in el DON and consequently there was not enough support from students to get the project off the ground.

Pete also mentioned ASSAC's decision not to finance a school magazine, implying ASSAC was against the student project. First, the request was for \$3,500, one quarter of ASSAC's 1979-80 budget. That request was made four days before the money was needed--too late for any decision to be made before the deadline.

Second, those individuals requesting the money failed to show any initiative toward raising the money through fundraisers or advertising.

Thirdly, those persons to whom any funds would have been awarded neglected to attend the meeting during which the decision was to be made.

Finally, when a member of student government approached members of the el DON suggesting an amount less than the proposed \$3,500 might be worked out, the Senate was told in very rude terms to go jump in a lake.

I must agree with Pete that a close look provides a more realistic view of the way things are. Unfortunately Pete is lost in a world of his own, set apart from reality.

Pete's motives of personal gain are only normal, but as an editor for el DON, he should know better than to take statements of school administrators or students out of context to achieve his goal. It would seem that Pete is the one who is not doing his job.

It is my belief that before Pete be so ready to criticize others, he should take a critical look at himself. Negative attitudes will only breed more negative attitudes, and that is hardly what any of us wants.

ASSAC is a voluntary organization made up entirely of people who do care about this school. If you want to see something get buried, Pete, let's try the hatchet which exists between el DON and the ASSAC.

Larry Stuhl
AGS President,
ASSAC Senator

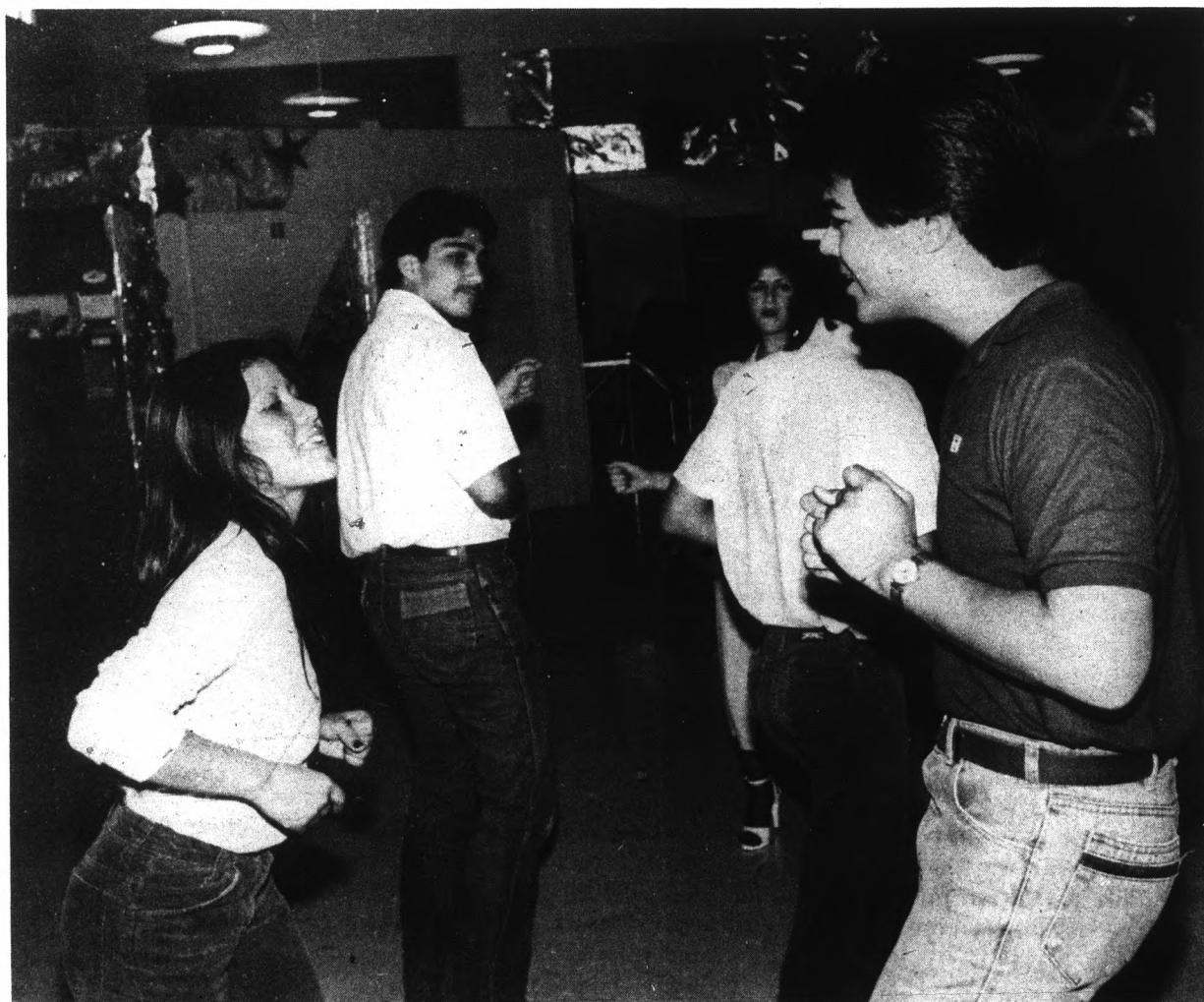
Editor's Note: It was Larry Stuhl who reported to el DON that ASSAC had turned down the request for funding of the AGS booklet. Stuhl's report came shortly after the project idea was publicized in el DON (Oct. 26).

It's ho ho ho time at SAC...



GETTING IN THE SPIRIT --
 (Clockwise from left) The ice cream get-together offered free sundaes. Serving from the left are Norm Gardner, May Jane Carbone and Joyce Earl. Saxaphonist Mike Otis whipped out notes with the Jazz Ensemble. Hispanics jived at the Club Amigos dance. Art students had a pot sale (more stuff available today). Swooning ASSAC members demonstrate mistletoe's function.

(photos by Richard Mona)



From thug thumper to thespian

SAC instructor Tom Adams leads busy life: considers self the luckiest guy in the world

by John Soderman

He has had more ups and downs than Dow Jones, been more places than a piece of driftwood and has more experiences to relate... Well, do you have a couple of days?

Meet former police lieutenant and chairman of SAC's Administration of Justice Department, Tom Adams. Color him interesting if not plain fascinating.

Adams dabbles in many services on the side. He is an actor, a singer, a down author in criminal justice, a literary agent, a provider of expert witnesses for attorneys, a criminal justice consultant, a jewelry broker and a pilot just to name a few.

"I'm the luckiest guy in the world!" Adams exclaimed.

And rightly so. He has been administered last rites on two occasions of his life.

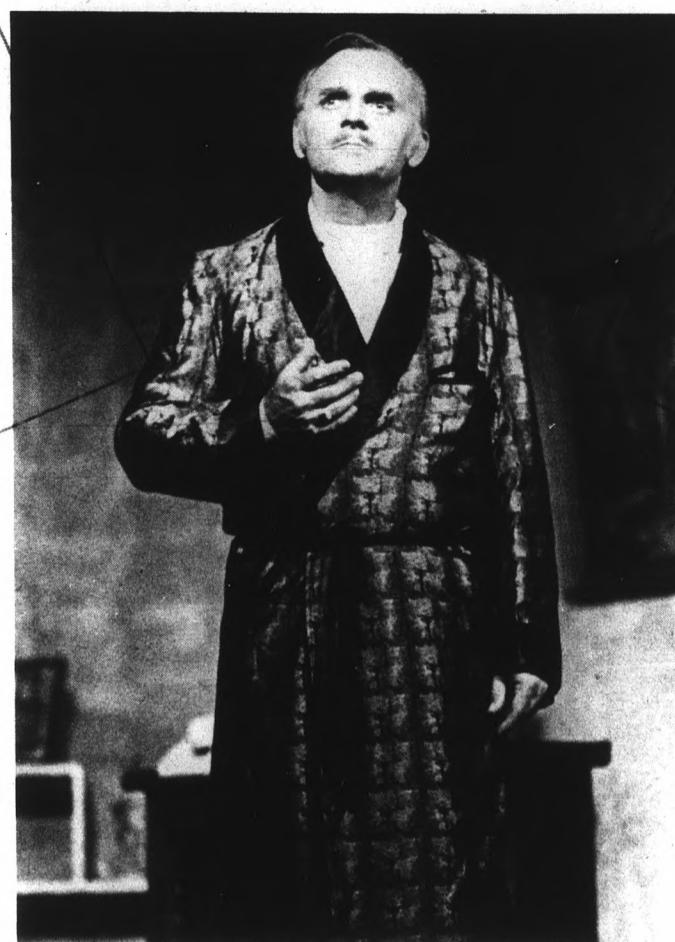
"The first time was in 1945 when my plane crashed after take-off from our aircraft carrier right near the Bermuda Triangle. Some Cuban fishermen rescued me. I got the rites although I don't think I was dead that time," chuckled Adams.

"But the second time," his voice suddenly sobered, "I lost so much blood in surgery for a back problem that I was clinically dead. My wife was there for the rites."

"At the time I was having a laminectomy among other things for an injury that was incurred when I was the victim of a hit-and-run while I was investigating a fatal car accident at an intersection in Santa Ana (Adams served his time as a police officer in Santa Ana)," he explained. "But I'm also lucky in that I've been successful at just about everything I've tried. Of course if I don't enjoy something I won't do it."

Adams discussed his success as a police officer during 14 years with the department. "During the last four I was lieutenant and I'd say that my biggest accomplishment was justifying the need for an Internal Affairs Division which they still have today."

"Everything I've written has been published



ON STAGE -- SAC instructor Tom Adams is depicted playing the role of Joe Benjamin in Neil Simon's *God's Favorite*, one of his numerous theatrical adventures.

including a cookbook I wrote when I was in the restaurant business," he pointed out. "I've been successful as an actor and have been involved in nine plays in the last two years."

"I recently received an invitation to join Buddy (Barnaby Jones) Ebsen and Nancy in a theatre company they're forming in Newport Beach," explained Adams. "Like I said, I'm the luckiest guy in the world!"

The SAC instructor graduated from the San Francisco Conservatory of Music in 1948 after which he worked as a stand-up comic as well as a lead singer in a musical group. He then went on to spend six years as a restaurant merchant and

chief cook, but then questioned the future of such a career.

"I wondered where I'd be 25 years from then and since I'd had experience as a disc jockey, I called the Police Department and asked if they had radio dispatchers. They said 'yeah' but that you had to be a policeman first. I asked when they were giving the test and they said 'tomorrow' so I took it and passed. Later I found out that being a policeman in the field was more fun than radio dispatching," Adams said.

From police officer to thespian and a whole lot in between. That's the story of the life of Tom Adams and it would make one heck of a biography. But Adams claims that it "would be boring as hell" and his comment sheds light on what drives this man to broaden his horizons to the degree that he does.

"I get bored easily," he quipped. "I'll try anything once and I keep trying to expand my possibilities as much as I can. However, I do think that a positive attitude is most important, but first you have to know what you cannot change."

Conversely, Adams has shown the quality of being fully cognizant of what can be changed. For instance, he once bought an airplane before he had even taken the lessons to learn how to fly it. His biggest obstacle, however, was another dilemma in itself.

"I was scared to death of flying because of my earlier Navy crash, but I just made my mind up that I was going to learn how to fly the plane anyway. After I did I learned that I loved to fly... it was just that I had a fear of crashing," he stated.

The 52-year-old Adams is now into his "second half" and considering his theatrical abilities along with his inclination for activity. The Glendale Savings people are probably drooling in their own interest over the prospect of using Adams in one of their commercials when he comes of age.

But not only will Adams probably never succumb to the "bionic Geritol set," he fails to embody Glendale's ad. Tom Adams is not having a "great second half," he's having a fantastic 52/52.



Christmas survey: what do ya want?

by Jayne Rannals

Supermarket parking lots will soon be a sea of green--the sweet smell of pine will permeate the air as truckloads of undressed Christmas trees make their debut. It's our first inkling that the "joyous" season is fast approaching.

With piped-in music setting the pace, we will dash helter-skelter through shopping malls (provided we find that parking space to get inside), fists clenched in fists, desperately searching for that one gift that will "knock the socks off" a loved one.

A spot-survey conducted recently among night students on the SAC campus revealed that, while one half of those questioned don't dread their upcoming holiday shopping, the world had better prepare itself for the other 50 percent who become despondent at the mere mention of tackling such a task.

O.B. Deane, a business administration major, despises the "chore" because he dislikes women shoppers.

Vicki Rolls, earning a journalism degree, has taken care of her gift list rather early this year. She has decided not to purchase a single present for anyone--period! Instead, Ms. Rolls will celebrate the holiday a bit later (perhaps in May or June of 1980) when she proudly displays the new condominium she has so painstakingly sacrificed to obtain.

When quizzed as to whom is the most difficult person to buy for, fashion design major Barbara Villalpando was quick to respond--"myself." Admittedly, Barbara classifies her tastes as "expensive" as she leans towards the extravagant. Present her with a fully-loaded Mercedes Benz 450SL and you'll most likely be on her Christmas card list next year.

Christmas sends Mary Bustamante, a biology science major, into a quandary as she never knows what to purchase for her sister, a nun.

When asked, "If money were no object, what would you want for Christmas?" respondents began to

ponder and eyes began to twinkle. "An endless supply of gold to ensure economic security would suffice," answered John Goerger, assistant in Tessmann Planetarium, but he'll settle for a new faring for his motorcycle.

"To have all my bills paid off by January 1, 1980," was the quick reply provided by Daryl Loo, a daytime employee of Pacific Telephone studying business administration at night.

But, for electronics technician Lynette Fisher, "nothing less than a twin-seater Cessna will do."

A modest \$10,000 annually for life, for "dabbling" in real estate would make John Farrington, currently enrolled in real estate courses, more than pleased.

After changing her mind several times, Arlene Urias, a student of liberal arts finally settled on, "an opportunity to travel and study all over the world."

The present state of the economy has turned many a would-be Santa into a Scrooge, that infamous character from Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. Having to tighten the belt this season has caused Suzanne Dollar to become frustrated. "Yes, I am affected by inflation, and I am sorry that I won't have all the money I need to buy the gifts that I'd like to," she commented.

Those unfortunate persons on Al Lozano's Christmas list will be receiving "cheap" remembrances this season, and those on Ms. Villalpando's register will discover that she has become more "choosy" when making her selections.

For others, however, Christmas is the one time of year when they plan to really splurge. And although they dread the traffic and the shoving and pushing in the overcrowded department stores; and in spite of the fact that they often don't know what to buy loved ones, most shoppers continue to forge ahead with great expectations.

It's enough to leave many longing for the simple days, when all was taken care of by the one thing that could be found in every household -the Sears' "wish book."

Opinions differ; Mex. club splits

by Macia Leathers and Kathy Tully

Highly spirited students on the SAC campus will find the new Latinos Club filled with members who are seeking to promote Latin culture.

The group is currently looking for an advisor. Activities director Don McCain has been standing in with help from Joe Gomez of the New Horizons since they broke away from another campus club.

"Members of the organization recently divided into a separate group from the Club Amigos when they sought a more forceful president. We want a better organization for club activities," stated accounting major George Nanni, who is a member of the new group.

Actually the club charter was activated in April, 1978. The meetings are held in Spanish and presiding President Lucia Martinez indicated more students are invited to join and share in the fellowship.

New officers will be elected at the January meeting. Time for the gathering will be advertised at a later date.

Some of the club activities include a dance today at 11:30 a.m. cafeteria. A book fair with Spanish, Portuguese and French materials is being planned for January. Martinez also wants to print a newsletter in Spanish.

Martinez indicated that the Latinos Club has strong intentions of becoming a dynamic working club on campus.

At the same time, the Club Amigos is still alive and active. President Ester Alvarado encourages everyone to come who is interested in learning more about the Latin American culture.

Club member Pepe Palomo stated the main purpose for the club. "We try to bring the two cultures together. Anyone interested in the Hispanic culture may join. It also gives students of the Spanish language the opportunity to practice Spanish outside of the classroom and in general to promote Hispanic culture."

Alvarado revealed that the club will be having programs in the future based on films, video-tapes, slides and guest speakers talking about Latin lifestyles.

"Our culture is very vast. It is full of a lot of tradition and color," enthused Alvarado. "I would like everyone, even if they just want to observe, to come to the meetings and then join if they are interested."

Enrique Olivares, an enthusiastic club member, summed it up well. "One way to combat white supremacy ideas is to build unity. This is what we are trying to do. If people learn to respect someone's culture, then they can learn to respect that person."

What will the '80s bring?

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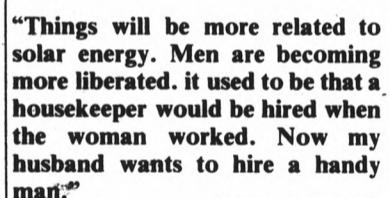
"Romance will be different. You know like the Harvey's Bristol Cream commercial—the girl will ask the guy out."

--Skip Ross, 18
Forestry Major



"There will be more wars and inflation will continue. Men and women are changing and will be more liberated."

--Lori Ventrala, 18
Interior Design



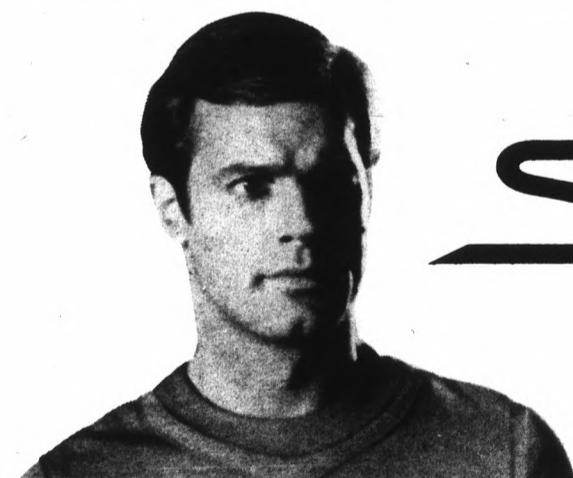
"Things will be more related to solar energy. Men are becoming more liberated. It used to be that a housekeeper would be hired when the woman worked. Now my husband wants to hire a handy man."

--Susan Hess, 37
Substitute teacher



"Women are much more liberated in this country, that will probably continue. I'm sick of disco, punk and rock music. Slow music will come back."

--Nabil Nabulsi, 19
Business Major



by Richard Monas

The television series that raised the standards of week-night science fiction solely on its reruns has now brought the same to the movie screen. *Star Trek* the motion picture, is what *Star Trek* is all about with the original essence of the television version, i.e., with plots and themes that stimulate one's imagination.

The *Star Trek* television series produced in the 1960's, made very bold statements, even when compared to contemporary prime time entertainment, most of which is on a mindless level. Some of the themes voiced by the TV series were: racism, sex, war, religion, bigotry and the future. One episode, "Assignment Earth," had a message on the arms race. Now, Gene Roddenberry, the creator of *Star Trek*, along with the director of the movie, Robert Wise, have together brought this concept of plot with substance to the movie screen.

The now Admiral Kirk has spent 2½ years as chief of staff at Star Fleet Command. Thoroughly bored with this position, and longing for the adventure of being a star ship captain again, Kirk takes advantage of an emergency concerning an omnipotent invader and coerces star fleet to give him the Enterprise. Kirk arrives on the Enterprise to find that it has been redesigned, upgraded and is totally unfamiliar.

Meanwhile on the planet Vulcan, Spock is distracted by

STAR TREK THE MOTION PICTURE

A sensational movie with a significant point

an unknown consciousness from space, that disturbs him during a ceremony meant to eliminate Spock's human half. The Vulcan masters conclude that he has not achieved his goal, and subsequently Spock sets out to find the consciousness calling him, via the Enterprise.

With the original crew now reunited, the Enterprise

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continue on to intercept the invader that is on a direct course for Earth. Following several sequences of dazzling special effects, the crew makes contact with their adversary-alien V'GER. Once V'GER reaches earth, it is unable to contact its creator—that is V'GER's quest. V'GER concludes the humans are to blame for this and prepares to destroy all life forms on the planet.

"Captain, V'GER is a child," Spock concludes, "I suggest you treat it as such."

"A child?" Kirk queries in amazement.

"Yes, captain, a child," Spock continues,

Eleven killed in Cincinnati; could it happen in Anaheim?

by Kevin Cameron

Eleven people were trampled to death recently when 8,000 panicked fans stampeded through the doors of Cincinnati's Riverfront Coliseum to see a rock concert by The Who.

"First, they threw a bottle through a window in the door. Then they pushed through the hole, making it bigger. Three or four of us tried to hold them back, but it was no use," said one of the ushers.

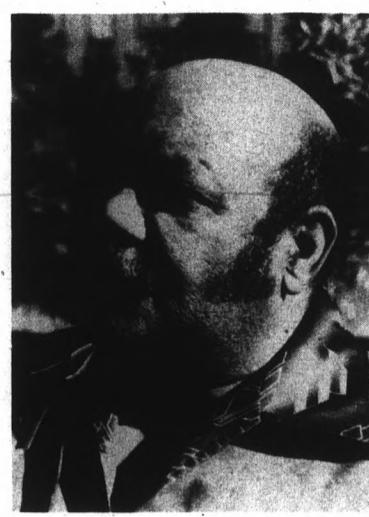
Could this happen here? Is Anaheim Stadium or the Convention Center prepared for any instance that would resemble the one in Cincinnati? Would they be able to restrain a large crowd?

"We wouldn't allow that to occur," stated Tom Liegler, head of the promotions department for the stadium and the convention center.

The local stadium operators have developed what is called "Preventive Crowd Control." What that entails is the organization of the crowd as much as two days before the concert begins, Liegler claims.

Before the gates are opened, announcements are made over the public address system to advise the fans about how much longer they have to wait, and explain how they will embark into the stadium.

"After everyone gets in order, they are sent through what we call 'shutes.' Personnel allow 50 people at a time through these shutes in an



"Young girls will be just like older girls, only greener. That will not change. As to inflation, if you have money, no inflation. No money, you do."

--Bob Kirk, 40ish
Speech therapist



orderly manner."

There's one addition to the control system at the Convention Center called a "safety zone." This is an area of 30 to 50 feet in front of the door that is barricaded. "We've done that now for 12 years," said Liegler.

All these safeguards, aided by the security force that Anaheim takes pride in, are believed to keep any crowd under control, thus, preventing any event like that in Cincinnati.

The Who last played Anaheim Stadium in April of 1976 and Leigler is negotiating for them to appear here in 1981 if proper dates can be arranged.

Would that be safe? The question is raised because there are many that are saying that the incident in Cincinnati was the Who's fault.

Roger Daltrey, lead vocalist for the band, claims that festival seating was to blame for the tragedy. "I'm surprised it never happened before. It (festival seating) has always scared me to death. I would never go to see anyone under the same circumstances."

They were once Rock's loudest band, and developed the trademark of destroying their equipment on stage after each performance. The Who's songs, such as "My Generation" and "Won't Get Fooled Again," have always expressed the restlessness of the teenager of Europe and the States. The movie *Quadrophenia*, which is currently playing, is a violent depiction of adolescent life in Britain during the Sixties.

So many would claim that they're a band that would entice such behavior. But on the other hand, there are the crowds that are uncontrollable, and they are the hoodlums of *Quadrophenia*. Somehow it seems more than only a "teenage wasteland."



"Evolving, searching, instinctively needing . . ."

"Needing what?" McCoy interrupts. "Spock, this child is about to wipe out every living thing on earth. Now what do you suggest we do? Spank it?"

According to Spock, V'GER has knowledge that spans the universe and is still growing. In spite of all its logic, V'GER asks a familiar question: "Is this all that I am? Is there nothing more?" To obtain something more, you'll have to see this film yourself.

The special effects along with the musical score and mattes were very well done. There appeared to be a problem though with the character development, especially Kirk.

In certain instances I felt that something vital had been cut out, like I was watching *Star Trek* on Channel 13 again. In spite of the apparent editing problems, and the excessively long shuttle sequence with Kirk and Scotty, the film concluded with an impressive climax and message.

In *Star Trek*'s opening week, it was a box office smash, grossing over \$17 million—more than any movie has made in the same amount of time. But considering the film's initial cost of \$42 million plus advertising, it will have to gross twice that amount if anyone expects there to be a sequel.

In summary, *Star Trek*, the motion picture, is on an entirely different level than *Star Wars*—there is really no comparison. *Star Trek* is not a simple-minded film. I recommend it. It will challenge your intellect.

Athletic director Gorrie leads SAC in winning direction

by James Radcliffe

Team sports is a domain which requires a "little man," who receives limited fame, for every well-known superstar.

A spectacular shortstop needs a quality second baseman who can make for a good double-play combo. In basketball a guard who is able to handle the ball well is necessary to a high scoring center.

SAC's coaching staff is no different. When a team at a school excels, the acclaim is given to the people up front--the coach and his performers.

But winning squads are built from the top down. And the top is Santa Ana's athletic director, Dr. Doug Gorrie; who has headed the entire P.E. department for the past two years.

His goals are not on the competitive level alone, however. Gorrie's satisfaction is "to see the program improve and the students progress in the development of physical skills." The A.D. arranges all of the P.E. classes at SAC.

Gorrie, who has been at SAC for 18 years, remarked on his coaching staff. "Overall I have a good feeling. They're very hard working men and women."

But Dr. Doug has an excellent teaching staff as well. A sampling of his corral of talent is scuba instructor John Reseck, who Gorrie labeled as "one of the great scuba divers in the world."

Recently a committee of the CCJAC met to consider re-leaguering of the southern portion of the state, something Gorrie desired.

Tentative plans were made, but were eventually voted down. Said Gorrie, "Other conferences aren't happy with it, (the proposed arrangement) so they saved it for another year." This resulted because other conferences felt the adjustment would not benefit them, so SAC will stay in the South Coast Conference.

Gorrie unselfishly remarked, "I want what's best for all the conferences and the JC athletes in Southern California."

Proposition 13 has cut into many school functions, but has yet to put a damper on the athletic program. "We're able to do quite well," Gorrie said. "But if they offered us another half-million, or even five-thousand, I'd say 'yeah,'" he smiled.

Sports short

Wrestling

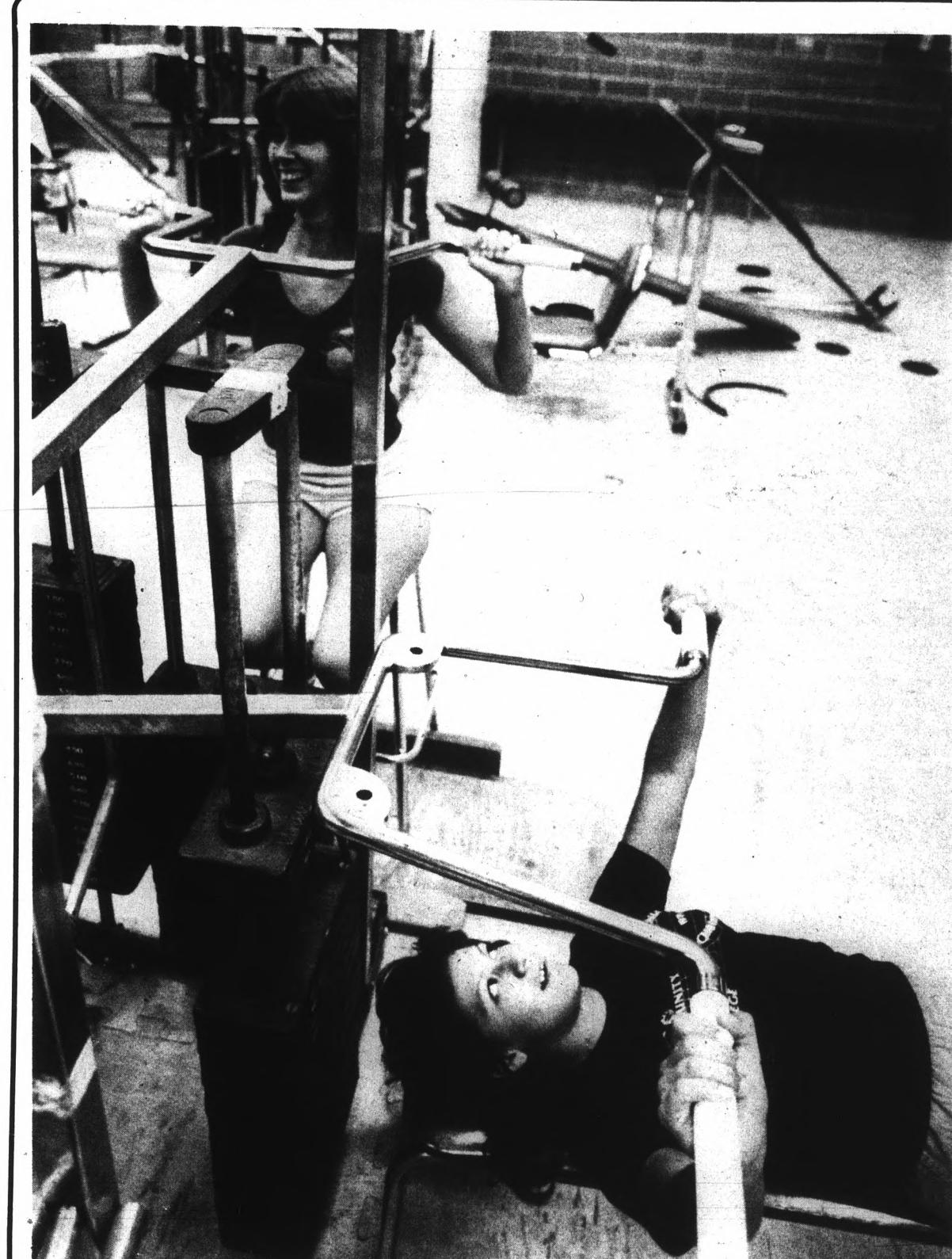
Santa Ana wrestling team was heavily favored to lose to Palomar on Wednesday, Dec. 12 at Cook Gym.

The Dons did go down in defeat, but not without a courageous fight. It took an empty spot in SAC's lineup to give the visitors a 27-21 victory. The vacated slot is a dilemma the Dons will have to contend with all season long as the wrestlers lack a 190-pounder.

Dave Watts (118), Fergus McTaggart (126), Dave Williams (142), Dave Talley (177) and Tom Lamere (H.W.) provided the punch for SAC with wins.

But by the time it was Lamere's turn to wrestle, the match had been decided. "I knew we couldn't win with my match, so I just tried my best," said the heavyweight.

SAC's next match isn't until Jan. 9 at Cerritos.



LIFTIN' LEAD -- Suzie Bernal (Front) works out in W-106 along the side of Pam Strong (rear). Women's weightlifting has gained in popularity.

immensely in the past decade. This women's class is a prime example. (photo by Richard Mona)



SHOOT THE HOOP -- SAC and Saddleback put on a run and gun performance last Tuesday in Cook Gym. The Gauchos played the Dons for a 130-107 victory. Kevin Magee scored 42 points for the

Dons. Kevin Castleman (#34) successfully keeps Saddleback's (#44) from scoring.

(photo by Richard Mona)

Basketball

Dons to host tourney; Lose to best in state

by James Radcliffe

Santa Ana's basketball coach Rolland Todd installed the SAC Holiday Classic two years ago to attract JC competition to Cook Gym for pre-season play.

"Other schools don't want to play us because we have such good teams," remarked Todd. "The main reason (for the tourney) is to get three home games on our court before league starts," the mentor emphasized.

Fresh from winning the Modesto Tournament, SAC will host the eight team get together for the third time Dec. 27-30. The Dons will face Glendale College (Arizona) on the first day of competition with an 8:00 p.m. tip-off.

But who can cast blame on coaches who avoid Santa Ana's court, which must resemble a chamber of horrors for the opposition?

But SAC is bidding for its first conquest at the tourney. "The field is the toughest around," said Todd. "I hope that we can get to the semi-finals, so that we can play two games."

Among the contestants are Saddleback, Cypress, Oxnard and El Camino, all of which reached the state tournament last year. SAC, Glendale, Mt. San Jacinto and Phoenix (Ariz.) will also participate.

Presently six Dons maintain double figure averages. Kevin Castleman (21.7), Willie Hicks (16.7), Warren Ellis (15.8), Norman Adams (14.1), Ricardario Hairston (10.8) and Lance Petteway (10.3) hope to shoot Santa Ana to victory.

Last Saturday night's 55-53 showdown with Merced at the Modesto Tournament gave SAC the invitational's title, the only time an Orange County school has won it since the inception of the tourney 42 winters ago.

Stated Todd, "Needless to say it was a big accomplishment for our team to come out of there with the first place trophy."

It took three victories without a loss to advance to the finals. But on the way center Adams grasped the tournament's Most Valuable Player and Forward Hicks attained All-tournament team status.

Last Tuesday, Santa Ana hosted Saddleback (13-0) in a contest that could prove to be a preview of SAC's tourney, but the Dons hope otherwise.

The Gauchos out-hooped the home team, 130-107. Saddleback's effort was the most points ever scored on SAC.

Talented Kevin Magee, already MVP in three tourneys this year, proved too much of a problem for SAC as he unloaded for 42 points from his forward spot. Warren Ellis led the Don's attack with 25 points.

SAC punter to sportscaster

Ed Arnold makes good, but still humble

by James Radcliffe

If ever there was an exception to the title of Leo Durocher's book, *Nice Guys Finish Last*, it is Channel Seven's Ed Arnold.

KABC's famous weatherman, Dr. George Fishbeck, commented on the former Don who graduated from SAC in 1966. "He's a fine gentleman. I've been working in this game for 22 years and in that time I have only met two or three people as nice as Ed Arnold."

Dr. George continued, "He's one of the most professional of people. He'll joke and fool around except when he's on the air and he's working, then he's deadly serious. He wants so desperately to get the message across."

Arnold brings the news of the sporting world to Southern California Monday thru Friday on the five o'clock Eyewitness News. But, like Alex Haley, the good-looking sportscaster has not forgotten his roots.

Ed was playing football while in the Marines and participated in the Toy Bowl (at the Santa Ana Bowl), which matched his El Toro squad against a Pendleton team.

Recalled the confident broadcaster, "Homer Beatty (SAC's football coach at the time) came out to address an awards

banquet. He came out and spoke to our group and talked to several of us and said that if we decided to stay in this area that he'd love to see us enroll at Santa Ana College and perhaps play some sports."

"You couldn't call it a recruiting situation because Santa Ana



Ed Arnold

College really offered us nothing except to just tell us that if we stayed in the area, (to remember that) it was a fine school. Now, I couldn't agree more," stated Ed.

"If I had not been talked to by Homer Beatty, I'd hate to guess where I'd be today," said Arnold. "And if it wasn't for Santa Ana (College) I'd hate to guess at where I'd be today."

Ed occupied the punter's position in his lone campaign on the Don gridiron in 1961. Under Beatty, SAC captured the Eastern conference with a 6-0-1 record.

Remembered the KABC newsman, "Coach Beatty enjoyed the kicking and wanted to specialize, so I enjoyed it. Shoot, you play a vital role and... I guess I was one of the early kicking specialists, because up to that point, there weren't a lot of people that all they did was punt."

Beatty was a pioneer on strategic methods of the game, a realm which was not fully tapped in the early sixties. "Homer was ahead of his time--period," remarked the sportscaster.

Ed said fondly of the school's '61 mentors, "I don't want to belittle or put down any coaches, but I think that the finest coaching staff I've ever seen at a facility (was at SAC)--well you'd have to say at almost any place was at that time."

"Homer Beatty was the football coach, John Ward was the track coach," reminisced Arnold. "Bob Boyd (later at USC) as the basketball coach. I've never seen such coaches in my life."

"At that time the great swimming coach (Robert Gaughan) had not joined them, Ed said. "The great Santa Ana College wrestling coach (Frank Addleman) joined them as a young man soon afterwards. You'd have to go to a SC of UCLA to find a coaching staff like that."



ON THE AIR -- Camerman number three captures Ed Arnold on film. The Santa Ana graduate glances up from his script to tell his viewers the happenings of the sportsworld.

(photo by Mark Dimitroff)

worked elsewhere to produce the final result.

The former SAC punter wasn't bad himself. He said, "I don't even remember the game it was, for me personally, but I got off an awfully long kick in one particular game. It went about 84 yards."

As Ed left the institution that year, he not only exited with good memories, but also with thoughts of SAC's homecoming queen, Dixie Kepley. The relationship blossomed into marriage in 1962.

When Arnold returned to the campus in 1966 to obtain his AA degree, he was ineligible for football at the JC division, thus ending his kicking career.

The visual media man then attended Long Beach State University, where he collected a Bachelor's degree. Arnold paid his dues at numerous stations before landing the KABC spot.

Because of this Monday's Charger-Bronco confrontation, Arnold and company presented the news in a half-hour, instead of the usual hour.

The KABC set, located in the Silverlake District of Los Angeles, was decorated by a hundred or so lights hanging above the newsmen. Three cameramen and two floor directors completed the off-camera crew in the sound studio. But countless other technicians

Ed replied, "You always feel on edge. After awhile it just grows on you. Large groups, now, just don't bother me. The only thing that really bothers me is that I don't like calling attention to me. That's not my bag. Out there (on the set) I'm with friends.

Ed reflected, "My satisfaction is going home and seeing my wife and son. Well, some people would say, 'Oh boy, if I could make a name for myself.' I just do my thing. Helping people I like—a whole lot."

How about *Nice Guys Finish First*, Leo?



NUMBER ONE NEWS TEAM -- (l to r) Jerry Dunphy, Ed Arnold, Dr. George Fishbeck and

Harold Greene combine for the most widely watched news program at five o'clock, reported a recent poll.

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